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E.O. 11602: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, CN, TZ

SUBJECT: TANGOV VIEW ON COMOROS COUP

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED COMOROS COUP MAY 19 WITH FORNMIN AFRICA  
AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR PETER POLANGYO.

ACCORDING TO POLANGYO, TANGOV HAD FOUND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH

SOILIH'S REGIME INCREASINGLY EMBARRASSING AND HAD BEEN PREPARING  
TO BRING HOME ITS PERSONNEL THERE. TANGOV WAS UPSET WITH  
DEVASTATING SPEED WITH WHICH SOILIH HAD CHANGED COMOROS SOCIETY,  
ESPECIALLY IN LAND CONTROL. EVEN MORE UPSETTING WERE SOILIH'S  
CONSPICUOUS INDULGENCES IN LUXURIES IN THE MIDST OF POVERTY.

2. POLANGYO SAID TANGOV PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO AID  
COMOROS (IN ADMINISTRATION, RADIO BROADCASTING) WOULD NOW  
DEFINITELY BE BROUGHT HOME. HE WAS PLEASED THAT THEY HAD  
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STAYED OUT OF THE WAY DURING THE COUP AND HAD AVOIDED ANY  
INVOLVEMENT WHATSOEVER. POLANGYO SAID TANGOV HAD VERY LITTLE  
KNOWLEDGE OF POST-COUP COMOROS BUT SAID HE DOUBTED THAT IDEOLOGY  
OF NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PREVIOUS ONE.

3. COMMENT. TANGOV-CONTROLLED MEDIA HAS NOT COMMENTED ON  
THE COMOROS COUP, A GOOD SIGN THAT TANGOV DOES NOT YET KNOW

WHAT TO MAKE OF IT. TANGOV HAD HOPES THAT THE TANZANIAN MODEL OF SOCIALISM WOULD BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY SOILIH, BUT HE TURNED OUT TO BE THE WRONG MAN. COMOROS ARE NOW RUN BY PEOPLE WHOSE IDENTITIES AND PLANS ARE A LARGEY UNKNOWN TO TANGOV. TO TANGOV COMOROS EPISODE PROBABLY ADDS UP TO A FRUSTRATINGLY POOR INVESTMENT IN INFLUENCE-BUILDING IN THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN.

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